

New York

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Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1891.

Dear Col

I have delayed replying to your more than gratifying, and acceptable letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> to hear from Mr Pott & Co, to whom I sent the two beautiful effusions, from your poetic pen, you inclosed to me;— my poor judgement fails, to decide between “The Beloved Physician” and “The Sonnet”. Miss P & Co are willing, to read your manuscript, and if convinced of profitable sales, will confer

with you, as to royalty or purchase outright. Pardon me dear Col, but would not the publisher of your “prototype of Hamlet,” be the best house to publish the poems, since they have already secured an audience for your writings!— The demand for poems, is not great, especially of a higher order; the audience is small, in this age of material progrees.—This city and her citizens, are deeply interested in that infamous Lottery, that no doubt you have seen and.

read in our dailies. I do hope your zealous effort, in joining the procession, was attended by no bad results. A letter from my cousin Mr Jos. A. Hincks, tells me how his Pa and himself enjoyed your visit, and I am most happy they know you. I am glad Mrs J, is through so serious and laborious a task, in getting her house all ready for winter; with cordial greetings from Mr C, to Mrs J, & yourself, with my love, and most grateful, and sincere thanks for your lovely Sonnet to me, from as ever

Jo. L Newcomb

‘Col W<sup>m</sup> Preston Johnston

New Orleans.